

WEST DES MOINES BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION
Thursday, February 5, 2015

The regular meeting of the West Des Moines Bicycle Advisory Commission was called to order on Thursday, February 5, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. by Steve Gatton.

Commission	Joel Wolcott	Brittany Martinez	Kip Albertson	Stacie Hatch	Steve Gatton
Present	X	X	X		X
Commission	Margaret Christiansen	Spencer Cox	Amanda Krause	Greg France	
Present			X		

Staff	Gary Scott <i>Director of Parks & Recreation</i>	Sally Ortgies <i>Superintendent of Parks</i>	Susan Mathews <i>Parks & Recreation Administrative Secretary</i>	
Present	X	X	X	
Staff	Joe Cory <i>Deputy Director of Public Works</i>	Duane Wittstock <i>City Engineer</i>	Eric Petersen <i>Traffic Engineer</i>	Greg Hansen <i>Superintendent of Recreation</i>
Present	X		X	X

On Item 1. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Albertson to approve the agenda as presented. Martinez seconded. Motion carried.

On Item 2. Citizen Forum

No items.

On Item 3. Approval of Minutes of November 6, 2014 Meeting

It was moved by Krause to approve the minutes as presented. Wolcott seconded. Motion carried.

On Item 4. Old Business

No items.

New Business:

On Item 5A. Discussion – Bicycle Master Plan Map

Scott gave an overview of the map which shows existing and proposed trail and on-street bicycle facilities. He showed a graph of traffic volumes and recommended facilities as well as a map of exceptions and changes. Cory added that the planning document is a nice tool for coordination and development. Petersen added that like any living document, it is subject to change and that things could shift. Wolcott asked about what the crossing over Raccoon River at Grand Prairie Parkway would look like. Petersen responded that it will be a major arterial but it will likely be built as a two lane bridge until further development warrants the six lane bridge with a trail or other pedestrian crossing. Martinez spoke about the importance of the Ashworth connection north of Interstate 80. She added that living in that area, west of Des Moines Golf and Country Club, there is no safe bike route to get to Westown Parkway or the Jordan Creek area. Krause asked for clarification about where and how bike lanes would ultimately be installed. Scott responded that the proposed areas would all be two lane roads that would need to be widened to accommodate bike lanes.

On Item 5B. Discussion – Mayor's Bike Ride and other bike events

Hansen reminded the Commission that the Education and Encouragement Committee met on November 5 and one of their discussion items was the Mayor's Bike Ride. Unfortunately, the City Council did not fund the request for \$5,000 to finance bicycle-related programs and events. Staff is now working to

prioritize programs and events that can continue within our current budget. Hansen spoke with Scott and two items that will be moving forward are the Mayor's Bike Ride on May 16 and a bike rodeo at Family Fun Night in Valley Junction on June 4. Plans to celebrate the reopening of the Jordan Creek Trail under the interstate are also underway but are dependent on the DOT construction schedule.

Staff Reports:

On Item 6A. Engineering

Petersen gave an update on the Great Western Trail in the vicinity of Microsoft. He showed a map with a potential underpass at Maffitt Lake Road. Petersen shared that McClure engineering was hired to study and design the trail route as it relates to the golf course. Scott added that the City is paying for the study but the final decision is solely between the owner of the land and Polk County Conservation.

On Item 6B. Public Works

No additional items.

On Item 6C. Police

No representative present.

On Item 6D. Parks and Recreation

Superintendent of Recreation

No additional items.

Director of Parks and Recreation

Scott noted that there will be one vacancy on the Commission for the Mayor to fill. Scott suggested that if anyone knows anyone interested in serving on the Commission they should turn in an application.

Superintendent of Parks

Ortgies noted that staff are preparing for the 2015 concrete trail renovation bid process.

Other Matters:

On Item 7A. Action Items

No items.

Receive, File and/or Refer:

8A. Review – Des Moines Area MPO, Central Iowa Bicycle-Pedestrian Roundtable Packets – November, December, January

It was moved by Krause to adjourn at 6:22p.m. Martinez seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Mathews
Administrative Secretary

ATTEST:

Joel Wolcott
Commission Secretary